

*"Greater love hath no man than this,  
that a man lay down his life for a friend."*

*John 5:13*



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NORWOOD  
FIREFIGHTER'S  
MEMORIAL

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2001  
HIGHLAND CEMETERY

## NORWOOD FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Highland Cemetery  
Sunday May 20, 2001

We would like to welcome you, our brothers and sisters, our families and friends, and our community to the Town of Norwood Firefighters Memorial dedication.

Today we pay homage to those (brothers) remembered who have lost their lives in the line of duty. This memorial recognizes and honors the fallen firefighter.

Today, we treasure the memories of those deceased that once walked with pride and excellence, and defined the boundaries of what it meant to be a firefighter.

Today, we admire the retired firefighters that have devoted their lives through their benevolent spirit and priceless experience to the fire service, pledging their calling to our community.

Today, we honor the active firefighters, who unselfishly dedicate their lives, serving with gallantry and courage the profession of firefighting. This memorial infuses the fraternal spirit within us as firefighters and strengthens that mutual bond with our community.

We acknowledge the families, the wives, the sons and daughters who have accepted the responsibility that is bestowed upon a firefighter's family. This memorial stands as a testament to your contribution and support in recollection of all you have endured as well as accepting the possibility of the ultimate sacrifice.

To you, the Town of Norwood, with its leaders, our clergy, our friends, this memorial will be here for you when you need time to reflect, to nourish your thoughts, "for all to enjoy."

This memorial symbolizes to all, that firefighters everywhere are a distinct and noble breed. This memorial perpetuates the tradition and the spirit that was an essential element in the birth of the Norwood Fire Department.

**WELCOME** - NFD Public Information Officer  
Firefighter Dara M. O'Malley

**POSTING OF COLORS** Norwood Fire Department Honor Guard

**SONG** "Star Spangled Banner"  
Norwood High School Madrigals Choir

**OPENING PRAYER** Norwood Fire Department Chaplain  
Monsignor, Cornelius M. McRae, St. Catherine of Siena

**OPENING REMARKS** Firefighter Memorial Chairman  
Captain George Geary NFD

**UNVEILING** Memorial Committee Members  
George Geary, Dan Harkins, William E. Sullivan Jr.  
John Howard, Jack Lydon, Harvey LeBlanc, Reg Ammann  
Kathy Bane, Ron Maggio, Phil Morrison

**FIREFIGHTER RELIEF ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT**  
Lieutenant John I. Barry, NFD

**FIREFIGHTERS IAFF Local 1631 UNION PRESIDENT**  
Firefighter Michael McDonough, NFD

**CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT**  
William F. Sullivan Jr.

**CHAIRMAN NORWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMAN**  
Selectman Mr. Gary Lee

**CHAIRMAN HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS**  
State Representative Mr. John Rogers, Esq.

**SPECIAL WORDS** Jacqueline Howard Sabers

**POEM** "Unknown"  
Firefighter Daniel Harkins

**MEMORIAL WREATH DECORATION**

**SONG** "Amazing Grace"  
Bagpipes John Eagan

**CAPS** "Day is Done"  
Bugler Mark O'Connor

**"LAST ALARM"**  
This bell tolls for those who have answered their last alarm

*Thank you for attending today's dedication.  
Your support has been greatly appreciated.*



### A FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER

WHEN I AM CALLED TO DUTY, GOD  
WHEREVER FLAMES MAY RAGE  
GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO SAVE SOME LIFE  
WHATEVER BE ITS AGE  
HELP ME EMBRACE A LITTLE CHILD  
BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE  
OR SAVE AN OLDER PERSON FROM  
THE HORROR OF THAT FATE  
ENABLE ME TO BE ALERT AND  
HEAR THE WEAKEST SHOUT  
AND QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY  
TO PUT THE FIRE OUT  
I WANT TO FILL MY CALLING AND  
TO GIVE THE BEST IN ME  
TO GUARD MY EVERY NEIGHBOR  
AND PROTECT HIS PROPERTY  
AND IF ACCORDING TO MY FATE  
I AM TO LOSE MY LIFE  
PLEASE BLESS WITH YOUR PROTECTING HAND  
MY CHILDREN AND MY WIFE

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